



WISCONSIN STATEWIDE FOREST PLAN



INFORMATION FOR THOSE INTERESTED IN THE STATEWIDE FOREST PLAN

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WEB CONFERENCE "ELECTRONIC PUBLIC MEETING"

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

In this stage, we sought to involve the public in the planning process through an interactive web-based conference. This allowed us to receive input from members of the public in many parts of the state and to make DNR forestry staff members directly accessible to them.

AN ELECTRONIC PUBLIC MEETING

Over 100 Citizens across Wisconsin participated in the state's first electronic public meeting on February 22, 2001 to learn about and participate in the Statewide Forest Planning process. Participants attended one of 18 meeting locations across the state or logged-on from their home or office using a personal computer. One hundred and twenty four members of the public participated, 86 in public auditoriums and 38 from their own computers.

MEETING OBJECTIVES

- ✿ Presentation of the **Forest Assessment Report** (*Wisconsin Forests at the Millennium*) highlights and the **Survey of Forestry Trends and Issues** results.
- ✿ Gather feedback on **10 additional trends and issues** identified from survey results.
- ✿ Gather input on **partners and publics** able to assist DNR Forestry with the implementation of key trends and issues.
- ✿ Provide opportunity for **Questions and Answers** with DNR Forestry staff.



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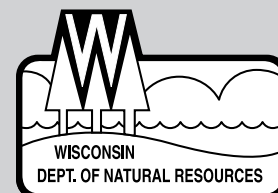
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MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

🍁 **Slide show presentation** on the Forest Assessment Report and survey results

🍁 **Question and answer feature** of web conferencing software allowed public auditoriums and home users to communicate among themselves and with DNR Forestry staff

🍁 **Live polling feature** allowed the conference moderator to gather input from public auditoriums and home users and share them instantaneously.

ADDITIONAL TRENDS & ISSUES

Conference participants voted in favor of including the following Trends and Issues in the Statewide Forest Plan.

1. Public outreach and education
2. Taxes (tax credits, use tax, tax laws, inheritance and property taxes)
3. Human population increase
4. Land trusts and government land purchases
5. Logger certification
6. Production of nursery stock
7. Pesticides, herbicides and pollutants
8. Integration with other agencies
9. Intrinsic value of land (wild land, sacred values)
10. Role of forests in protecting water quality

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

Statewide Forest Planning documents checklist:

- ☐ Forest assessment report, *Wisconsin Forests at the Millennium*
- ☐ Results of the DNR Forestry Survey on Trends and Issues
- ☐ Fact sheets
 - ✓ Survey on forestry trends and issues
 - ✓ Web conference

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